



Hello
March

**Calendar and Events
at Nativity of the Virgin Mary**



March Calendar and Events

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Saturday, March 1, 2025 - 2nd Saturday of Souls

9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
6pm Basketball Practice

Sunday, March 2, 2025 - Forgiveness Sunday

Lenten Marketplace
8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
11:30am Church School & Catechism
12:30pm GOYA Meeting
6pm Forgiveness Service

Monday, March 3, 2025 - Clean Monday

4:30pm Philoptochos meeting
6pm Great Compline

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

11am Morning Bible Study with Father Nick
12pm Tuesday Lunch Group
5pm Youth Greek Classes
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

6pm Presanctified Liturgy, Meal & Lenten Talk

Thursday, March 6, 2025

6pm Great Compline
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)

Friday, March 7, 2025

6pm Choir Practice
7pm AA Meeting in Social Hall
7pm Salutations to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 8, 2025 - 3rd Saturday of Souls

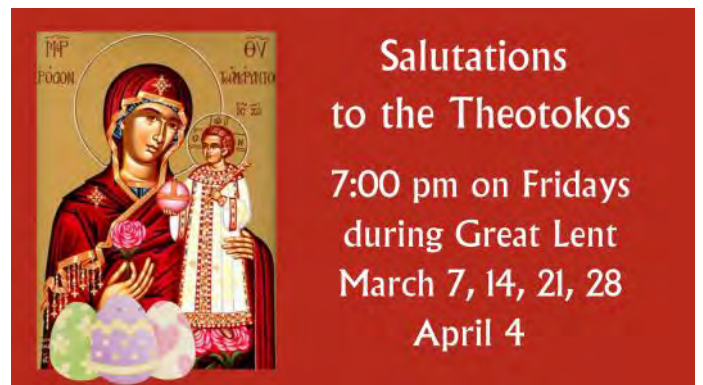
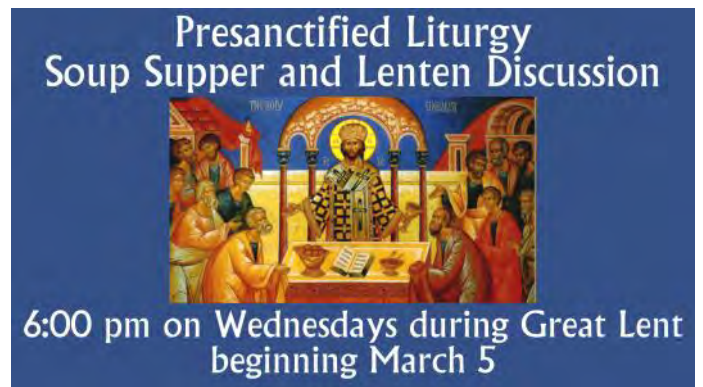
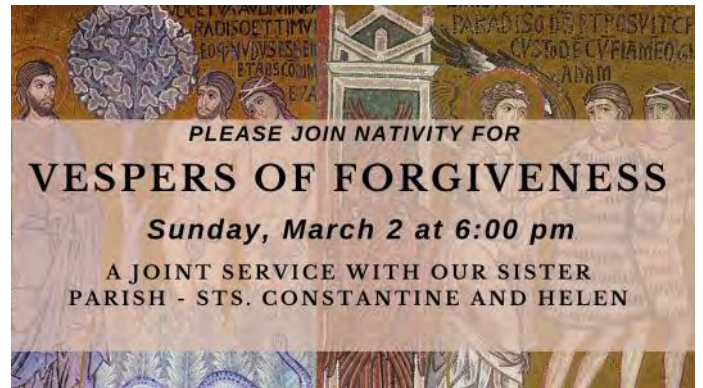
The Commemoration of the Miracle of Kollyva wrought by Saint Theodore the Tyro

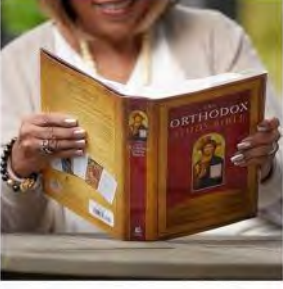
9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
6pm Basketball Practice

Sunday, March 9, 2025 - Sunday of Orthodoxy

Children's Sunday – Procession of Icons

8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
11:30am Church School & Catechism
6pm COCC Lenten Vespers and Fellowship at Annunciation Cathedral





TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Offered in person or on Zoom at 11:00 am



Soup makers needed for Wednesdays in Lent

Be sure to check the weekly email and calendar for updates on Tuesday Bible Studies.

To Join by Zoom, use Meeting ID: 340 526 4067, Passcode: bible


Tuesday, March 11, 2025
11am Morning Bible Study with Father Nick
12pm Senior Lunch Group
5pm Youth Greek Classes
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)
7pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
6pm Presanctified Liturgy, Meal & Lenten Talk

Thursday, March 13, 2025
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)
6:30pm Great Compline

Friday, March 14, 2025
Pan-Orthodox Basketball Tournament
7pm AA Meeting in Social Hall
7pm Salutations to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 15, 2025
Pan-Orthodox Basketball Tournament



TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
Offered in person or on Zoom at 7:00 pm



SATURDAY OF SOULS

Saturday, March 1 and March 8
9 am Orthros, 10 am Divine Liturgy



GREAT COMPLINE
6:30 pm
Thursdays in Lent
March 13, 20, 27

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages.

LENTEN PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM



St. Lazarus' Russian/Serbian Orthodox Cathedral
Photo: A. Iken (actual)

JOIN US FOR
DETROIT'S ANNUAL
INTER-ORTHODOX
SUNDAY LENTEN
VESPERS

Join us each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for Vespers and Fellowship

9 MARCH | TRIUMPH of ORTHODOXY with Procession of Icons
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
707 E. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226

16 MARCH | ST GREGORY PALAMAS
St. Mark Orthodox Church
400 W. Hamlin Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

23 MARCH | VENERATION of the HOLY CROSS
Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
18100 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI 48152

30 MARCH | ST JOHN CLIMACUS
Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church
39851 W. Five Mile Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170

6 APRIL | ST MARY of EGYPT
St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church
2439 S. Long Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430

Services each Sunday at 6:00 pm
FREE-WILL OFFERING
REFRESHMENTS

Officiated by the St. John Chrysostom Clergy
Brotherhood
Responses by the Orthodox Choir of Detroit

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Sunday, March 16, 2025 - Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Memorials and Trisagion
Pan-Orthodox Basketball Tournament
8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
11:30am Church School & Catechism
3:30pm Baptism
6pm COCC Lenten Vespers and Fellowship at St. Mark Orthodox Church in Rochester Hills

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Festival Food Prep: Dolmathes
11am Morning Bible Study with Father Nick
12pm Tuesday Lunch Group
5pm Youth Greek Classes
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)
7pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Festival Food Prep: Dolmathes
6pm Presanctified Liturgy, Meal & Lenten Talk

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Festival Food Prep: Dolmathes
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)
6:30pm Great Compline
7:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday, March 21, 2025

Festival Food Prep: Dolmathes
7pm AA Meeting in Social Hall
7pm Salutations to the Theotokos

Saturday, March 22, 2025

4pm Choir Practice

Sunday, March 23, 2025 - Sunday of the Holy Cross SCS Annunciation presentation

8:45am Orthros
10am Divine Liturgy
11:30am Church School & Catechism
6pm COCC Lenten Vespers and Fellowship at Basilica of St. Mary in Livonia

Monday, March 24, 2025

7pm Vespers of the Annunciation at Annunciation Cathedral in Detroit

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 - Annunciation of the Theotokos

9am Orthros and Divine Liturgy
7pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

6pm Presanctified Liturgy, Meal & Lenten Talk

Thursday, March 27, 2025

6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)
6:30pm Great Compline Friday, March 28, 2025
7pm AA Meeting in Social Hall
7pm Salutations to the Theotokos

Sunday, March 30, 2025 - Sunday of St. John Climacus

Memorials and Trisagion
8:45am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy
11:30am Church School & Catechism
6pm COCC Lenten Vespers and Fellowship at Nativity













FESTIVAL FOOD PREP BEGINS THE WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2025 WITH DOLMATHES
Many hands are needed to help roll Grape Leaves for our 2025 festival. Contact Louis Poulos if you have questions.

ADDITIONAL DATES:

April 7-11 Galaktoboureko May 5- 9 Pastitsio
May 19-23 Baklava June 2-7 Tsourekia
June 23-27 Spinach & Cheese Pie

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Burrows (ACPOD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th	 Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 23rd AR...W... TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 2nd AR...W... TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th	 GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
LOWLY (PALM) SUNDAY APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 GREAT AND HOLY WEEK ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!	 BRIGHT WEEK HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

MARCH AND APRIL COFFEE HOUR		
Date	Sponsor/Event	Servers
3/2/25	Lenten Marketplace; Memorial Coffee Hour Kratsas Family	Presv. Liza & Maria K
3/9/25	Sunday of Orthodoxy/Children's Sunday	GOYA
3/16/25	Memorial Coffee hour Ioannis Stefos and Dimitrios Kavalos	Philoptochos
3/23/25	SCS Annunciation presentation	Sunday School
3/30/25	Memorial Coffee Hour Dimitri Kanellopoulos	Presv. Liza & Maria K
4/6/25	Greek Parade in afternoon	Hope/Joy
4/13/25	Palm Sunday - Plaki Luncheon	Parish Council
4/20/25	Pascha - Agape Service	Parish Council
4/27/25	Thomas Sunday	GOYA

MARCH AND APRIL USHERS		
Date	Opening Usher	Closing Usher
3/2/25	Tom James	Jerry Takis
3/9/25	John Petrou	Dimitri Karatsinides
3/16/25	Nancy Kurys	Lynn Perakis
3/23/25	Voula Sonbay	Jerry Takis
3/30/25	John Petrou	Georgia Theophelis
4/6/25	Marios Lambi	Christina Tzilos
4/13/25	Palm Sunday - all hands on deck	
Pascha 4/20/25	Tom James	Anne Randall
4/27/25	Marios Lambi	Georgia Theophelis



GOYA AND OUR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL YOUTH WILL ASSEMBLE EASTER BASKETS IN LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR

FOCUS + DETROIT

- Blankets**
- New Underwear (Men's and Women's)**
- New socks**
- Feminine Hygiene items**
- Oral Care items**
- Personal Hygiene items**
- New or gently used coats**
- Hats, gloves and scarves**
- New or gently used men's shoes**



NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Office hours may vary—contact the church office to make sure staff is available.

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THE CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU!

In times of need or times of celebration, there are a number of pastoral situations that warrant contacting Fr. Nick.

- Any Hospital Stay: Illness, surgery, etc.
- Death - Call when a person is dying and at the actual time of death, regardless of the hour!
- Substance abuse involving you or a loved one.
- Domestic problems of any sort, Marital or children.
- When you desire spiritual direction.
- Birth of a child, (naming, and 40 day blessing)
- When you become engaged and are planning a Wedding.

HOW TO CONTACT THE PRIEST

Non Emergency situations:

- Contact Fr. Nick or church office by telephone or email to schedule and appointment.

Emergencies - try this order:

- Call the church office during normal business hours.
- Contact Fr. Nick on his mobile phone 616-328-3143.